

3.     *(Amended)*   A commutator mounted on a rotor of an electric rotary machine, the commutator comprising:

2n commutator segments, n being an integer;

2n segment bases formed by separating a metallic base plat, each segment base contacting each commutator segment, the 2n segment bases being insulated from one another by slits formed on the metallic base plate wherein:

the 2n commutator segments are electrically insulated from one another;

the 2n commutator segments form n pairs of commutator segments, the commutator segments in each pair being positioned symmetrically with respect to an axis of the rotor; and

the commutator segments in each pair are electrically connected to each other through a connecting portion formed integrally with the metallic base plate, wherein n pieces of the connecting portions are formed integrally with the metallic base plate, and the n pieces of the connecting portions are all depressed from a metallic base plate surface contacting the commutator segments by a distance exceeding a thickness of the metallic base plate.